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Dear Mr. Hanson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report discloses an in-kind contribution(s) designated for the general election, but made before the primary election (pertinent portion(s) attached). In-kind contributions of equipment, such as computers, with a long-term useful life (e.g., an election cycle, or perhaps longer) are similar to contributions of money and may be designated for elections beyond the next election, provided the contributor designates the contribution as such in writing. A contribution of this type of equipment is distinguishable from in-kind contributions that are used only for one particular election, such as non-exempt contributions of food or beverages consumed by primary election day workers, or printing or mailing costs related to general election events or fundraisers. Please amend your report to include a description of the nature of the in-kind contribution(s) in question. If the in-kind contribution(s) on your report does not have a "long-term useful life", it may constitute an excessive contribution(s) for the primary election (see Advisory Opinion 1996-29).

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you must request a refund of the excessive amount(s) and/or notify the recipient, in writing, of your redesignation of the contribution. Refunds are reported on Schedule A